IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Examinan Matrice action of
Tao Chen et al. Serial No.: 10/581,019	Examiner: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: 2621
Filed: May 30, 2006	Confirmation No. 6808
For: PICTURE CODING METHOD, PICTURE DECODING METHOD, PICTURE CODING APPARATUS, PICTURE DECODING APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM THEREOF	April 5, 2007 Costa Mesa, California 92626

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the

following:

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